

# SANCTUARY ADVISORY COUNCIL



**Lee Whitford, Chair**  
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Dear Superintendent Bernthal:

## *Representation*

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*U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service*  
*U.S. Geological Survey*  
*U.S. Navy*

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In 2014, funding was provided to Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary (OCNMS) to develop three kiosks, with a request from OCNMS that the Advisory Council evaluate and make recommendations on priority locations for the placement of one kiosk on the outer Coast. A Kiosk Subcommittee evaluated potential locations against a set of criteria and made their recommendations for locations of the kiosk to the full Advisory Council at the January 23, 2015 Advisory Council meeting.

The Advisory Council, by consensus resolution, identified Kalaloch Lodge as the most appropriate site to install the educational kiosk based on significant and year round visitation rates and prime locations within Olympic National Park and adjacency to Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary. The Advisory Council also identified the Forks Visitor Center as a second priority location. In addition, the Advisory Council recommended improved signage at locations throughout OCNMS.

As the OCNMS AC, we represent a diverse group of constituencies that have a strong interest in sanctuary and marine resource management in the Olympic Coast region. Our role is to advise the OCNMS Superintendent on sanctuary management topics and concerns. We volunteer our time to assist OCNMS in maintaining a transparent, interdisciplinary, and comprehensive management structure for the sanctuary. The opinions and findings of this letter do not necessarily reflect the position of Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Sincerely,

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